

Cambridge-Isanti Dollars for Scholars

Board Meeting Minutes

June 24, 2026 @ 4:00 P.M.

Those present: Ray Hoheisel, John Munkberg, Dale Anderson, Craig Paulson, Jeff Edblad, Thia Kampa, Lori Lind and Steve Gibbs.

Motion by Munkberg, second by Edblad to approve minutes of April 15, 2026 board meeting: motion carried.

Information Items:

Social Media – Kampa reported 90% increase in viewers, the video on U-Tube had 232 viewers. She recommended using MAS Productions as our needs surface. Members acclaimed the 6 & 1/2 minute video they put together from the Awards Program.

2026 Scholarship Statistics – Hoheisel reviewed number of students receiving scholarships to attend AARC-Cambridge and Coon Rapids. He shared information on seven colleges that have the most 2026 graduates attending and that we gave out 235 scholarships valued at \$286,100, for a total of \$4,796,405 since 1990.

Chamber Meeting – Paulson attended the June 17th Chamber meeting and gave a brief report on the meeting agenda and contacts he made. Anderson will attend the July meeting and likewise, Kampa will attend in August. Board name tags were discussed, Kampa will look into this.

Award Reception Feedback –

Consensus that Barb C. did a great job as this year's speaker. Also, many other positive comments about the program.

Band is nice to have, but very loud and at times overwhelmed the reception.

Consider having a piano player as background music next year.

Address sound system issue, Gibbs will work on this for next year.

Consider doing pictures following speaker.

Also mentioned was that Sandra Yerges has taken another job and that Arei Stokes has been hired for the position.

Briefed board on **Important Summary Message From Scholarship America** from Nicole Alexander of Scholarship America.

Dollars for Scholars chapters broadly support modernization of the scholarship application system but express deep concern that centralized evaluation and increased oversight will undermine local control, donor relationships, volunteer engagement, and the tailored community-based approach that currently exists.

Lind and Kampa reported on Dollars for Scholars Connect Session held on April 28th.

CIHS Scholarship report for 2026 was included with agenda materials.

Munkberg noted that Wall of Honor update is nearly complete, but space is running out.

Next meeting will be held on August 19, 2026 @ 4:00 PM. in Teaching & Learning Commons Area. No meeting in July.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM upon motion by Edblad, seconded by Anderson and approved.